

TOWN OF LOUISVILLE
Board of Mayor and Aldermen

August 11, 2020
6:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Bickers, Alderman Gormley, Vice Mayor Smith, Alderman Pugh

Absent: Alderman Holley

Others Present: Accountants Don and Julie Teffeteller and five citizens.

Mayor Bickers called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Mayor Bickers led the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

MOTION by Smith to approve the minutes of the July 14, 2020 meeting of the BMA. Second by Gormley. VOTE: UNANIMOUS. **MOTION PASSES.**

Mayor's Report and Approval of Monthly Financial Report:

Financial report for month ending July 31 was reviewed.

As of 07/31/2020 \$2, 204,144.67

MOTION by Gormley to accept the July monthly financial report. Second by Smith. VOTE: UNANIMOUS. **MOTION PASSES.**

Mayor Bickers reminded everyone about the cancellation of the annual Octoberfest event. An alternative event or series of small events have been proposed to enable some community interchange. The Mayor asked Alderman Pugh to lead discussion and implementation of some events. Current idea is to have food trucks and band on Friday nights at the town Hall in the late summer or early fall to provide a gathering place for the community.

Mayor Bickers reminded everyone to respond to the current U. S. Census. Funds for the TOL from the State are based on this census and over \$1000 is appropriated from State tax for each citizen in the TOL.

Mayor Bickers reported that no final decision has been made on the status of having the Louisville Cleanup on October 10. The virus numbers will continue to be monitored and a final decision will be made by mid-September. Since this can be a totally outdoors event with social

spacing, there is a high probability this event can be held. The event would be limited to outdoors this time and completed without the normal pizza lunch in the Community Room.

Mayor Bickers communicated that Blount County Commission approved putting a referendum question on the November ballot for approval of county wide liquor by the drink. The Town of Louisville citizens will be able to vote on this question as well as all other residents of Blount County except citizens of Alcoa and Maryville.

Mayor Bickers reported that the TOL has received the \$120,000 grant from the State to be used for emergency expenses. Mayor Bickers indicated that the TOL may get up to an additional \$60,000 for COVID response expenses.

Citizens Comments: Elizabeth Young, 3018 Beech Road, inquired about how the Town of Louisville could help with a remedy to cleanup an overgrown lot on corner of Beech Road and Topside Road.

Jim Brown, 113 Honeyrock Way, commented on current activities at the old Louisville School property. Mr. Brown lives behind the property and reports that the current owners are operating with more impact than the previous owner, Holley Electric. Mr. Brown reports that heavy trucks are noisy early in the morning.

Wayne Lance, 3350 Louisville Road, also commented on the same subject as Mr. Brown. Mr. Lance, who lives across Louisville Road, reports the same noises and activities. Mr. Lance commented that his interpretation is the current owners and business are non-conforming and must go before the BZA for approval in order to continue these activities.

Resolutions and Ordinances: None


Other Action/Discussion Items:

1. Appointment of Board of Zoning Appeals – Nomination: Brad Smith: Mayor Bickers communicated that Ray Evans resignation from the BZA necessitated that a new appointment was necessary by the BMA. Ray Evans term expired at the end of 2019 and the new term for an appointment would be for the five year term expiring in 2024. Mayor Bickers nominated Brad Smith for the new term. There were no other nominations by the BMA.

MOTION by Bickers to approve the nomination of Brad Smith to the five year BZA term expiring in 2024. Second by Pugh. VOTE: UNANIMOUS. **MOTION PASSES**

Announcements/Comments from Individual Aldermen: None

MOTION by Gormley to adjourn the meeting; Second by Smith, VOTE: UNANIMOUS.
Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:03 PM



Mayor



Town Recorder